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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Promptly Sued for Divorce.
William Banks, of Knoxville, Tenn., refused to take his wife to the circus and she promptly sued him for divorce, the grounds being said refusal. Men have no show these days.

Diaz to Retire January 1.
President Diaz, of Mexico, known as the "grand old man" of that country, will retire from office on January 1. He will be succeeded by Jose Yves Limantour, now foreign minister of Mexico.

Remarkable Flight of Swallows.
It has often been stated that 60 miles an hour was the utmost rate at which a swallow could fly. Recent experiments between Compiegne and Antwerp proved that a swallow in a hurry can cover 128 miles in an hour.

The Strength of a Beetle.
A scientist has calculated that if a beetle were as large as a horse, with its muscular strength increased in proportion to its size, it could, with the greatest ease, pull a loaded train of 12 cars, engine and all, along a track, or move a two-story house on wheels.

Some Things Worse.
People who think that republican government is a failure might modify their views on learning the fact just announced that the taxes in Russia have increased 100 per cent. in 20 years. An autocracy may be more picturesque than a republic, but it is also much more expensive to keep up.

Raising His Own Oysters.
An interesting experiment is being conducted by an enterprising Kansan. He owns a number of large salt wells from which he turns a flow of salt water into a lake 5 to 10 feet deep and 14 miles long. He is planting the lake with live oysters, the finest he can secure, shipped by fast express from the Atlantic coast. What success he will have in raising his inland oysters remains to be seen.

A Long Bottle Story.
A bottle which has been on its way for two years and a half has just been picked up near the Hawaiian islands. From its contents it appears that it was thrown into the Machine Strait in 1900 by a Mr. Roeder, of Illinois. It appears to have floated down the Mississippi, crossed the Mexican gulf and the Atlantic, doubled Cape Horn, and drifted on the Pacific until picked up—a distance of 19,000 miles or so.

An Army of Postmasters.
Of all government employees, the fourth-class postmasters are the most numerous. They number more than 70,000, and exceed by 12,000 the officers and men of the army of the United States as now reduced to a minimum. Not far from one person in every 1,000 keeps a post office of this grade. Fourth-class postmasters receive for compensation the receipts from box rents, and a commission on their cancellations and incidentals, such as the sale of waste-paper.

Corn Every Three Months.
In Cuba, it is said, four crops of corn can be raised in a year, and the question is asked, if Kansas farmers can make money growing one crop a year, what might be done in Cuba, where four crops can be raised? In this "newspaper talk" it is stated that Cuban corn is smaller than the average United States corn, which means that it is ever so much smaller than Kansas corn. Then, also, what about the fertility of the soil under the strain of four crops a year?—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

Victim of "Tobacco Cure."
A man who "chewed 20 cents worth of tobacco a week concluded to try a tobacco cure. In two weeks he ate \$1.50 worth of cure, and for the next two weeks he used 10 cents worth of yucca, 5 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of peanuts and 5 cents worth of cough drops per day. During these two weeks he also consumed two large rubber erasers, ate the rubber tips from 14 lead pencils, chewed up a dozen penholders and browsed off his moustache as high as he could reach.

Let the Row Go On.
Because of ambitious rivalry between Mr. Frick and Mr. Carnegie, Pittsburgh is to be the seat of another university. This one is to be as superior to the Carnegie polytechnic school as Mr. Frick can make it. Let us pray that more of our multimillionaires will fall out with each other, and that other cities will be bombarded with polytechnic schools and universities. Perhaps they will get so mad they will throw theaters, parks, free hotels, fall overcoats and barrels of apples at each other.

Compulsory Education in Indiana.
The compulsory education law in Indiana is having a beneficial effect. In 1902, 24,784 children were brought into the schools and the poor provided with books and clothing at a total cost of \$181 a child. In 18 counties during the last year the officers succeeded in bringing the children into school without resorting to the process of their parents. In the remaining 74 counties there were 325 prosecutions. The law has been in force for five years and cost of enforcing it has dropped 60 per cent.

The Best Missouri News

The Route Finally Located.
The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad has relocated its Kansas City-St. Louis line between Windsor and Kansas City. The new survey, which has been officially approved, leaves Warrensburg 13 miles to the north, cuts out three big tunnels which were on the old line, including the 1,300-foot tunnel at Chapel Hill, one of 700 feet at Devil's Hog Back, and another of 2,000 feet at Blue Cut, near Independence. The new line takes in Chilhowee, Holden, Strasburg, Pleasant Hill, Lee's Summit, Raytown, and leaving Independence three miles to the south, enters Kansas City on a line which parallels the Alton tracks from the Big Blue river. The survey has been adopted, and within a week 2,000 teams and many men will be engaged in the construction of the grade. Track-laying will follow the grading as closely as possible, and the line will be in active operation before the world's fair opens for business. When this line is completed the Rock Island will have the shortest line between Kansas City and St. Louis.

Hotel for Christian People.
Final plans have been made for the building of the Hotel Epworth on the world's fair grounds in St. Louis. The building will contain 500 rooms, and a site has been purchased in the heart of Rosebade heights, at the southwest corner of McKelvey and Washington avenues, three blocks north of the administration building. The ground is very high, and from the hotel a fine bird's-eye view of fair buildings and surroundings may be had. The object of the hotel company in the erection of a hotel for the accommodation of Christian people and their friends during the fair. At the close of the exposition the building will be deeded to a board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church for the establishment of an Epworth hospital and deaconess evangelistic institute. The building will be modern in every respect. It will have heavy brick walls, strong floors, and all partitions, walls and ceilings will be finished in a hard cement plaster.

Four Convicts Made Happy.
In accordance with the custom for years for Missouri governors to pardon two or more convicts of long term and good prison record, on national holidays, Gov. Dockery announced that his Thanksgiving pardons would go to Frank Reynolds, sentenced from Jasper county in July, 1896, for 20 years for assault; Asa Arnold, sentenced from Dunklin county in July, 1896, for 15 years for murder in the second degree; Lena Morris, a negro woman, sentenced in June, 1896, from St. Louis for 20 years for murder in the second degree, and "Jack" Emerson, sentenced from Callaway county in May, 1896, for 20 years for murder in the second degree.

Vote for Two State Officers.
Sam B. Cook, secretary of state, gave out the official vote for railroad commissioner and for state superintendent of public schools. The total vote for state superintendent is 517,432, of which Carrington, democrat, received 272,357; White, republican, 225,075; Carrington's plurality, 47,282. For railroad commissioner, long term, the total vote is 516,210. Knott, democrat, received 272,060; Crane, republican, 224,150; Knott's plurality is 47,910.

New Building at Rolla.
The ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone for the Newman building of the school of mines and metallurgy took place under the auspices of Rolla lodge A. F. & A. M. Worshipful Grand Master John C. Vocum, of Kansas City, was present and officiated, and there were present also quite a number of distinguished Masons.

New Buildings Needed.
An effort will be made by the board of curators of the Missouri state university this winter to induce the state legislature to appropriate for the institution enough money to cover the cost of erecting several new buildings. The university needs a gymnasium, a library and a new physics building and the board wishes to build them all next year.

Golden Wedding Celebrated.
Judge and Mrs. William Dawson celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at St. James. They have 7 children, 26 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, most of whom were present. The most interesting feature of this golden wedding was the marriage of the last of the seven children, Miss Dossin, to Fred Huber.

Looking for Missing Husband.
Mrs. Harry Davenport, wife of a Pilot Grove barber, arrived in Sedalia with her two children, looking for the missing husband and father.

Ex-collector Wayne Arrested.
D. D. Wayne, ex-collector of Boone county, was arrested at Columbia upon information of one of his bondsmen, charging him with embezzling \$312 of the state and county revenue funds.

Missouri's Revenue Collections.
The annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue states that total collections for the first Missouri district (St. Louis) were \$9,841,881.19; for the sixth (Kansas City) district, \$6,407,758.18.

Strychnine in Candy.
A case of attempted murder by poisoning came to light at Joplin. T. D. Degginger, a saloonkeeper, received a box of candy in his mailbox and under investigation by a local chemist it was found that the candy contained strychnine.

Killed Ten Missouri Deer.
A hunting party embracing Audra, Callaway and St. Louis county spent three weeks in Butler county, killing ten deer and plenty of small game.

Set on the Track to Meet.
Ferdinand Chasnel, a Frenchman, was killed by a train on the Missouri Pacific river route near Lexington. He was on his way home and set down on the track to rest.

Under Assumed Name 18 Years.
Charles Grey, a leading photographer at Holden, recently gave it out that his right name is Charles Bird-sall. He stated that about 15 years ago his first wife sued him for divorce while he was away from home and that he changed his name in order to hide himself and his sorrows from his family. He was married in 1888 to Miss Leona Duncan, of Rich Hill, under the name of Grey, although he says that his wife knew his real name and history. Bird-sall's parents visited him recently for the first time since he changed his name, and it was for them that he confessed his real identity. Bird-sall has lived at Holden for some years.

No Sermon at His Funeral.
In deference to his expressed wish, the funeral at Macon of James Culpa was conducted without ceremony or flowers, save the wreath made from the artificial ones in his wife's hat, recently taken from it for that purpose. He said he wanted no other floral tributes around his casket or grave. The dead man had requested his wife to play a selection from the hymn book, "The Uncolored Day," on the piano and to dispense with all other formalities. He particularly stipulated that he was not to be buried if it rained or snowed, and that if such weather prevailed the interment was to be postponed.

Quarrelled Over Cattle Bill.
A case of unusual interest in circuit court at Sturgeon was one in which Riley Bryson sued his sister, Mrs. R. E. Jennings, of Monroe county, for one-fourth of the cost of their mother's coffin bill. Plaintiff asserted that each of the four children agreed to pay one-fourth of the expenses of their mother's funeral, and defendant denied making any such agreement. The jury decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Spencer Succeeded Stephens.
Judge Seiden P. Spencer, of St. Louis, was elected president of the state Y. M. C. A. in session at St. Joseph, to succeed E. W. Stephens, of Columbia. Other officers are: J. C. Letts, St. Joseph; John R. Kirk, of Kirksville; J. A. Thompson, of Turkey, vice presidents; J. L. Snyder, of Moberly, secretary; Charles Caster, of Cameron, assistant secretary; J. A. Hannan, Joplin, press secretary.

Corn Was Hacked by Women.
The women of the Baptist church at Armstrong accepted the invitation from Farmer Tom Allen that they could have all the corn gathered by them in a day to sell for the church fund. Twenty-two of them went to the cornfield and hacked a large wagonload, which was sold at public auction at \$1.30 a bushel, the load netting \$50.00.

Carriage Boys Turn to Stealing.
Alfred Hood and Harry Little, aged 17 and 18 years, charged with stealing a horse and buggy from Goldie Smith, of Carthage, were arrested in the Indian territory. Their parents are highly respected. The boys had sold the buggy and were trying to dispose of the horse when caught.

Wallace Also Makes Claims.
William H. Wallace, of Kansas City, declares he is still in the race for the United States senate. In an interview, Mr. Wallace questioned the accuracy of Gov. Stone's figures, and declared that Stone yet lacked quite a number of votes necessary to a choice in the democratic caucus.

Welter Lost Last Case.
"Prof." S. A. Welter, the magnetic healer at Nevada, lost his libel suit in the Missouri supreme court for damages against Rev. C. M. Bishop for having an article detrimental to Welter's business published in the St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Gas Strike Near Jasper.
A strong flow of natural gas was struck near Jasper at a depth of 173 feet, 40 feet of jack ore intervening. After striking the gas the drill went down 30 feet before meeting resistance.

In Business 30 Years.
Robert G. Martin, who started in the mercantile business at Carrollton in 1843, and in 1870 organized a bank, which he conducted until recently, is dead at the age of 82.

Biggest Man in Kansas.
Fritz Schnitzler, of Wichita, is the biggest man in the state. A gold ring which he wears on his little finger measures four inches in its inside circumference.

Senator Vest's Health.
A Washington dispatch said Senator Vest's health was unchanged, but his friends are confident he will be at his desk when the senate convenes in December.

Father and Son Under Arrest.
Martin Ferguson, former county treasurer of Butler county, and his 19-year-old son, William, are in the custody of the United States marshal on warrants charging them with the manufacture and passing of counterfeit money.

Killed While Coupling Cars.
O. B. Fredericks, a freight conductor on the Chicago Great Western, was killed at New Conception while coupling cars. He has a wife and several children at St. Joseph.

Brought Down One Robber.
City Marshal Armgardt and Charles Moedder, a saloonkeeper of Cape Girardeau, fought an exciting battle with two robbers on the street. Armgardt was shot through the right arm and one of his assailants was mortally wounded.

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FUGITIVE CHARLES KELLY.

He is Held at Philadelphia to Await the Arrival of Extra-Edition Papers

IS NOT SUFFERING MUCH MEANWHILE.

He Has a Three Thousand Dollar Roll Left and an Agent of Congressman-Niet Butler is Seeing That He is Well Supplied With Creature Comforts.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Charles F. Kelly, former speaker of the house of delegates of St. Louis, who was arrested in this city Friday as an alleged fugitive from justice, was arraigned in the central police court Saturday. Upon the testimony of Detective Tate, who effected the arrest, Kelly was held to await the arrival of requisition papers from Missouri. The testimony being to the effect that Kelly was wanted in St. Louis. He read a telegram from the chief of police there, saying Kelly was charged with perjury and bribery.

Previous to the hearing the authorities offered Kelly the opportunity to be represented by counsel, but he waived this right, saying he would return to St. Louis without resistance, and would secure counsel when he arrived in that city.

Kelly was alone in court. While in the dock he laughed and chatted with the detectives.

Kelly Has Friends.
Kelly is not without friends. He is lodged in a cell on the sixth floor of the city hall building, where he spent a comfortable night, well provided with newspapers, books and the leading periodicals.

To the relief of the imprisoned man came an emissary of Congressman-elect Butler, of St. Louis, early Friday night. He was Maurice Jacobs, partner of the "Merry Malden" and "Topsy Turvey" burlesque troupes, in which Butler owns a third interest. It was Jacobs who stood with Butler upon the White Star line pier when the Celtic docked in New York; it was Jacobs who bought two tickets for Newark, N. J., and then jumped the moving train in Jersey City, and now it is Jacobs who appears in Philadelphia with a helping hand outstretched to the prisoner.

Within Easy Cell.
Jacobs is registered at the Hotel Bingham here. He called at the detective bureau Friday night. In the lobby of the captain's office he encountered a local attorney, McKenna, summoned by a city hall runner. They conferred, and both were permitted to converse with Kelly, after the latter had expressed a preference for Jacobs's society.

Prisoners in Philadelphia receive rather poor rations from a small restaurant on Filbert street, opposite the city hall. They are charged 25 cents each meal when they have the price, Kelly had not eaten from the hour of his arrival in New York, yet the plain fare was not to his fancy.

He's Living On the Best.
"See if you can not make better arrangements," he asked of his new friend Jacobs. The theatrical man's first effort for Kelly's comfort was turned in this direction.

Visiting a swell Chestnut street cafe, he arranged for prime steaks and vegetables out of season to be delivered at the police headquarters station all the while Kelly is a prisoner there.

"To Acting Capt. Bond, Jacobs said: 'He shall have the best there is.'"

Still Has a Good Roll.
Kelly had upwards of \$3,000 on his person when he was arrested. This was taken care of by the Philadelphia police.

After Kelly's attorney left Friday night, Dr. William F. Angney, the chief police surgeon, was sent for to prescribe for Kelly, who is suffering from a severe cold.

LARGE SUNDAY OUTPOURING.
Twenty Thousand People Attend the Chicago Live Stock Exposition During the Day and Evening.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—If the number of people who visited the International Live Stock exposition Sunday may be taken as a criterion, the attendance at this year's exposition will exceed that of last year by fully 100,000 persons. Notwithstanding the day was Sunday, 20,000 people of Chicago and vicinity passed through the gates during the day and evening. Among those who visited the exhibits were the students from the various agricultural colleges which will participate in the competitive events commencing Tuesday. The students visited every department, taking elaborate notes and a general review of the show in order to prepare for their work when it shall begin.

A Duel with Pistols.
Alexandria, La., Dec. 1.—In a duel with pistols, Sunday night, near Pollock, La., 30 miles north of here, Lovell Wainwright was shot and instantly killed and Joe Wade was probably fatally injured. There were no witnesses to the shooting.

Seeing the Elephant.
Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Congressman-elect William H. Hearst and party who arrived here Saturday, are taking in the sights of this city. Mr. Hearst is the recipient of many courtesies.

State Bank at Stamford, Ill., Robbed.
Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 30.—Safe blowers made a successful raid, Friday night, upon the State bank at Stamford, a village ten miles southwest of here, and \$3,000 was taken. The thieves escaped.

Barge Lost in a Gale.
Put-in-Bay, O., Dec. 1.—The steam barge D. F. Rose, of Marine City, Mich., and the barge Mosher, of Port Huron, struck Starve Island reef, Saturday night's gale, and it is feared that both vessels will be a total loss.

WORK FOR CONGRESS.

Outline of the Work Ahead For the 56th Annual Legislature—Trust Question Is the Lead.

Washington, Nov. 30.—When the house convenes to enter on the final session of the Fifty-seventh congress a perfect deluge of bills dealing with the trust question in all its phases will be thrown into the legislative hopper. It is estimated on all hands that this will be the most important topic of discussion. Indeed, the leaders incline to the belief that beyond the appropriation bills and routine legislation it will be the only subject on which there is a chance of action at the short session. As yet the leaders have formulated no measure, and there exists a pretty wide divergence of opinion as to what can or should be done. The most conservative opinion among the republican leaders seems to favor an appropriation for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Such an appropriation, it is pointed out, could be placed on one of the regular appropriation bills and put through both houses without difficulty, whereas any amendment to the law itself, no matter how conservative, would likely meet opposition. Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, is one of those who believe that the Sherman law, if enforced, is sufficient to meet the situation, and he will introduce a bill appropriating \$500,000 to be used by the department of justice in prosecutions under the present law.

The leaders already have resolved to expedite the appropriation bills as much as possible, in order to allow the largest time for other matters. Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, believes that the legislative, executive and judicial and the pension appropriation bills can be disposed of before the holidays. His committee will go to work at once and prepare the supply bills as rapidly as possible. The legislative and pension bills probably will be read before the end of the week.

One of the first things the appropriation committee will be called on to do, however, is to prepare a bill to provide for the coal strike commission. Judge Gray, chairman of the commission, has written a letter to Mr. Cannon asking for an appropriation of \$30,000 to defray the expenses of the commission, to pay its clerical force and to furnish such compensation for its members as the president may fix. The appropriations committee will prepare a bill, which, it is believed, will be presented and passed this week. No opposition to it from the minority is anticipated.

What the Senate Will Do.
Washington, Nov. 30.—The admission of the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states of the Union probably will be the subject of general importance to receive the attention of the senate.

After the omnibus territorial bill passed the house last session its friends in the senate were so insistent on action by the senate and so strong in point of numbers that in the interest of other pending action a unanimous agreement was reached that in consideration of abatement by the friends of the measure during the last session the committee on territories would report on the bill on next Wednesday, December 3, and that a week later the bill should become the unfinished business of the senate, which means that unless the measure shall be displaced by vote or by unanimous consent it will occupy the first place on the senate calendar until disposed of.

There is no definite information as to what the committee's decision will be; but at the last session all the republican members of the committee except Senator Quay voted to defer consideration, while Senator Quay and all the democratic members voted for immediate action, the result being a majority of one for postponement. It is known that some of the republican members favor an amendment of the bill so as to provide for the admission of Oklahoma only, and it is the prevailing opinion that the committee will divide on this proposition, all republican members except Senator Quay being considered favorable to it. However, the transposition of one republican vote will insure the report of a bill to admit all three territories to statehood, as Senator Quay and all the democrats are firm in favor of a tri-state measure.

JOHN ELLIOT WARD DEAD.

A Georgian Who Was Chairman of the Convention that Nominated Buchanan for President.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 1.—John Elliot Ward, president of the convention of 1856 that nominated James Buchanan for the presidency of the United States, died, Sunday, at Dorchester, Ga., aged 88. Mr. Ward was United States district attorney of Georgia in 1858, and in 1859 he was appointed by President Buchanan as minister to China, in which position he served until the breaking out of the civil war. In 1866 he went to New York, where he practiced law for many years.

Funeral of Col. Ochiltree.
New York, Nov. 30.—The funeral of Col. Thos. P. Ochiltree was held in this city Saturday. A solemn requiem was celebrated at the Church of the Paulist Fathers and the body was placed in a vault at Calvary cemetery.

Snow in the East.
Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—The first snowfall of the season occurred Sunday in central Pennsylvania. It was wet and melted almost as soon as it fell. In some places the snow fell at the rate of an inch an hour.

A Destructive Fire.
Springdale, Ark., Dec. 1.—Huntsville, the county seat of Madison county, located 30 miles east of Springdale, was visited by a destructive fire Saturday night between twelve and one o'clock, almost the entire business portion being destroyed. The loss will be about \$50,000.

Fatal Mine Explosion.
Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 30.—An explosion of gas occurred at Luke Miller colliery. Three men are reported killed and 12 injured.



Fibroid Tumors Cured.

A distressing case of Fibroid Tumor, which baffled the skill of Boston doctors. Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, Mass., in the following letter tells how she was cured, after everything else failed, by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time. 'The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice.'—(Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 232 Dudley St., (Roxbury) Boston, Mass.

Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice—although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine—which she knew would help her—her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman. 'The use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound entirely expelled the tumor and strengthened my whole system. I can walk miles now.'"

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